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## STOCKMEN ARE COMING.

Annual Meeting of Kansas Stock Breeders  
and Swine Breeders Next Month.

The annual meeting of the Kansas Improved Stock Breeders Association will be held at Topeka January 10, 11 and 12. The Kansas Swine Breeders Association will meet at the same time and place. The program is as follows:  
First Session—January 10, 7:30 p. m.  
Reception of new members.  
Reports of officers.  
Reports of standing committees.  
Appointment of new committees.

### ANNUAL ADDRESSES.

Address to breeders, Governor J. W. Leedy.

C. S. Cross, President Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' Association.

C. M. Irwin, President Kansas Swine Breeders' Association.

### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION.

"Alfalfa and Sorghum for Swine," General discussion. R. S. Cook, Wichita.

"Minor Points of the Hog," A. W. Themanson, Wathena.

"Would it be Advisable to Put the Public Sale System on a Cash Basis?" Col. S. A. Sawyer, Manhattan.

"Character and Qualifications for a Successful Breeder," T. A. Hubbard, Rome.

"Is There Any Foundation for the Unprecedented Prices on Poland-Chinas?" Geo. Falk, Richmond, Mo.

"Tuberculosis," U. B. McCurdy, V. S., Topeka.

"Breeders as Exhibitors at Fairs," Chas. H. Ridgway, Ottawa.

"The Horse Industry from a Breeder's and Salesman's Standpoint," Capt. J. S. Tough, Kansas City, Mo.; Henry Avery, Wakefield, Kas.

"The Best Methods for Disposal of Surplus Stock," Col. J. N. Harshberger, Lawrence.

"Uniform Business Methods," Grant Hornaday, Fort Scott.

"The Selection and Care of Brood Sows and Their Pigs," Allen Thomas, Blue Mound; J. B. Zinn, Topeka.

"Selection, Breeding and Feeding," J. T. Lawton, Burrton.

"The Dairy Industry and Improved Stock," J. E. Nissley, Secretary National Creamery and Butter Makers' Association, Topeka.

An address by Prof. Chas. F. Curtiss, Professor of Agriculture, Iowa Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa.

"Railroad Transportation for Pure-Bred Stock Other than Car Lots," Geo. W. Berry, Berryton.

"How to Advance the Breeder and His Bank Account," F. W. Baker, Council Grove.

"Is it Profitable for Breeders to Make Exhibits at Fairs?" J. S. Magers, Arcadia.

"Exhibits at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha," E. S. Tucker, Lawrence.

"The Relation of the Breeder to the General Farmer," Prof. H. M. Cottrell, Professor of Agriculture, Manhattan.

"Sheep for Kansas," E. W. Melville, Eudora; E. D. King, Burlington.

"Sale Guarantees and what Constitutes a Sound and Breeding Animal," H. W. Cheney, North Topeka.

"What About a New Swine Registry Association," Special report. O. P. Updegraff, Topeka.

"Shall We Have a State Fair in Kan-

## "THEY ARE TIRED OF McNALL."

The New York Mutual Life Insurance Company will quit business in Kansas December 31. Notice to this effect has been given to its Kansas agents. The reason given is that "it is tired of being annoyed by McNall." Superintendent McNall refused to license this company last March because of its failure to pay the Hillmon claim. In the Federal court the company secured an order restraining McNall from interfering with their business. This case is now in the Court of Appeals. Attorney General Boyle also has a suit pending in the State Supreme court to oust the company from the State. Superintendent McNall says that the company's determination to leave the State is due to lack of desire to have its business affairs and condition ventilated. As the company leaves a profitable business it has which required twenty-eight years and much money to build up and as it has, apparently, everything to lose by going out, it would appear that he is not far wrong in his opinion. The action of the company, regardless of what its real motives may be, will be construed by Kansas people to be admission that it has no adequate defense in the fight inaugurated by Superintendent McNall. It will be regarded as a victory for Mr. McNall and as a justification of his course.

In connection with this matter there comes another very interesting piece of news from the legal department of the administration.

Attorney General Boyle has discovered that the insurance law, under which Judge Williams issued an injunction against Superintendent McNall in the New York Mutual Life case, is not constitutional. An examination of the records shows that the section under which Williams acted was not legally covered by the title, as that portion of the title was inserted after the bill had passed. It is written in the enrolled copy in red ink and was not in the bill when it passed the Legislature. The bill was passed by the Legislature of 1889, which was almost wholly Republican. It appears that Populists are not the only people who make errors in legislation.

In view of the fact that the New York Mutual Life is involved with the Wisconsin commissioner the old saying is recalled:

"He who fights and runs away,  
May live to fight in another State."

sas?" Special report. Col. S. A. Sawyer, chairman, Manhattan.

"Public Sale Expenses," H. M. Kirkpatrick, Connor.

"Why Kansas Should Excel in Stock Growing," Hon. F. D. Coburn, Secretary Kansas State Board of Agriculture.

The following announcements accompany the program:

Breeders' Banquet.—The third annual banquet will be held at the Throop hotel, Wednesday evening, January 12, 1898. This banquet is to be a general experience meeting and social session. All interested in the improvement of domestic animals are cordially invited to be present.

Notify the Secretary if you expect to be present at the banquet.

Railroad Rates.—We expect the same rates as last year. That all railroad lines will grant an open rate of one fare for round-trip tickets for all these meetings from all points in Kansas, also from Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., and tickets will be sold January 8 to 17, inclusive, good for return until and including January 18, 1898. Ask local agent for rates.

Other Meetings.—The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture will be held in Topeka (three days' session), commencing January 12, 1898, at 4 p. m.

General Invitation.—Every loyal Kansan interested in improved stock, or anyone breeding any class of pure-bred stock, are cordially invited to be present and become a member of one or both associations.

### Georgia's Rational Convict Labor Plan.

Atlanta, Ga., December 27.—A bill has been introduced in the Legislature providing that an island shall be purchased for penitentiary purposes and that all convicts sentenced for terms exceeding ten years shall be confined thereon and employed in agricultural pursuits. The product of their labor is to be devoted

to their support and the surplus to the support of insane asylum and other State institutions. The convicts are now worked by private individuals under a contract system.

### What Was Long Figuring?

We notice the only legislation the Populist caucus favored was a bankruptcy law. That shows what the Populist party is figuring on.—Hutchinson News (Rep.)

The bankruptcy law was one of the principle features in Chester I. Long's platform in 1896.

### What Will Sheriff Cook Do?

The citizens of Topeka and Shawnee county are now wondering what Sheriff-elect Cook will do in the matter of enforcement of the prohibitory law. Robert Stone, of the Christian Citizenship League, thinks that Mr. Cook will be active in his efforts to enforce the law. A well known Republican politician is quoted as saying that Mr. Cook will simply serve such warrants as are placed in his hands. The new Sheriff declines to discuss the matter himself and will say nothing as to what policy he will pursue.

### A Virginia Scandal.

Richmond, Va., December 24.—The committee appointed to investigate charges of improper conduct on the part of the history committee, appointed by the grand camp of the Confederate Veterans, to prepare and approve a history for the use of southern schools, finds that Commander Stubbs has been directing the work in the interest of the American Book Company and that he has received and cashed two checks issued by the agent of that company. His defense is weak and he is condemned in the eyes of the public. Stubbs has been a prominent Virginian for thirty years.

## IOWA'S TREASURY EMPTY

A Deficit of Nearly Half a Million, and a Tax Increase Necessary.

Kansas may have trouble, but when it does it piles up knee deep with people of other States. Kansas has had a temporary deficit in the general fund in its treasury but now comes Iowa, Republican since the war, with a deficit amounting to \$410,827.77. A certain class of papers has labored hard to make it appear that the Kansas trouble is due to the extravagance and incompetency of the Populist administration. If this be true how can these papers charge the Iowa condition to anything but the same sort of government on the part of Republicans, who have been in control since the war. The recent report of State Auditor McCarthy shows that as long ago as July 1, 1895, the deficit amounted to \$73,950.25 and that it has constantly grown since then and that it will continue to grow, if the regular order of things continues, until it will reach \$492,613 by July 1, 1899. Among the causes given for this condition is a 2 per cent. decrease in assessed valuations and the delinquency of counties in the payment of State taxes to the amount of \$971,644. The increase in the expense of State institutions and the cost of an extra session are also noted as partial causes. Mr. McCarthy recommends an increase in the tax levy and less extravagant appropriations as the means of bringing the business of the State to a cash basis. Kansas can congratulate herself on the fact that no increase in the tax levy will be necessary to bring its business to a cash basis because the present administration will so economically conduct affairs that it will not be necessary. Kansas is indeed a fortunate State.

### Populist Committee Meeting in January.

Chairman Riddle has issued a call for a meeting of the Populist State Central Committee to be held at Topeka January 5 and 6. The meeting will be held for the purpose of conferring as to future work and making the preliminary arrangements for next year's campaign.

### State Officers Will Be Renominated.

Grant Harrington, of the Populist State Executive committee, was in Topeka last week and made the following statement relative to next year's campaign:

"There will be fusion in 1898 between the Democrats and Populists. The Populists will renominate the present State officers. The Democrats will endorse them. The talk about pulling down a part of the Populist administration is boosh. It couldn't be done. Our people wouldn't stand it. Talk about pulling down Stryker! Why, the friends of Stryker would say it was a book trust scheme, and he would be renominated with a whoop. The Democrats will endorse our ticket, and we will reciprocate in 1900 by supporting W. J. Bryan for President."

The Washington Post thinks what the country most needs this time of year is a clearing house for duplicate Christmas presents.

Hutchinson News: The Oklahoma statesmen who desire to be United States Senators lay aside all partisan differences and favor the admission of Oklahoma as a State.